

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## ESSB 5186

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Concerning skiing in an area or ski trail closed to the public.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters (originally sponsored by Senators Kastama, Delvin and Eide).

**Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters**  
**House Committee on Environment**

**Background:** Currently, a ski area operator must maintain a sign system based on international or national standards as may be required by the State Parks and Recreation Commission. The signs must advise of certain hazards. Signs must be posted on trails or runs that have been closed by an operator and a person cannot ski on a trail or run which has been designated as "Closed."

Skiers are required to conduct themselves within the limits of their individual ability and are not to act in a manner that will contribute to the injury of themselves or others.

**Summary:** A person is guilty of a misdemeanor if the person knowingly skis in an area or on a ski trail, owned or controlled by a ski area operator, that is closed to the public and has signs posted indicating the closure.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	43	5	
House	71	26	(House amended)
Senate	46	2	(Senate concurred)

**Effective:** July 22, 2011.

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